

Wild Things

Frogs, birds, and bugs...oh my! Salamanders, snakes, and squirrels that fly! Toddlers learn to play and sing, and take home crafts with nature themes. Adventures made one-size fits all...so tots and parents can have a ball!

Ages: 1 – 4 years with adult

Day: Wednesdays

Times: 9:30 a.m.

(Call on the Tuesday before for reservations.)

Location: Wilderness Station

Fee: \$3.00

Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017. Reservation required.

Growing Up Wild

Has your toddler “graduated” from Wild Things and is looking for the next step? Growing Up Wild is an internationally used program developed by Project Wild that helps explore nature with young children to foster an interest and appreciation of wildlife and the natural world around them. Come join us for a Wild Time!

Ages: 3 – 6 years with adult

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 10:30 a.m. (Call on the Tuesday before for reservations.)

Location: Wilderness Station

Fee: \$3.00

Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017. Reservation required.

Strollercoaster Mom's Group

Use your baby's stroller as portable equipment while we power walk on the Greenway for an hour. Then join us for an optional “Stay and Play” for the kids to have a little non-stroller time. Enjoy meeting other moms and get in shape while exploring Murfreesboro and spending time with your child! Anyone can join in at anytime. No membership or registration is necessary!

Ages: Birth – 5 years and adults

Time: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. to walk, then stay and play until 10:30 or so

Fee: Free

Contact: Angela Jackson at 893-2141, or ajackson@murfreesborotn.gov

In inclement weather, call 890-5333 for cancellation information.

Thursday	Location	Stay and Play
Sept. 2	General Bragg Trailhead	playground
Sept. 9	Barfield Crescent Park, Shelter #4	playground
Sept. 16	Old Fort Park, meet behind Kids' Castle	playground
Sept. 23	Thompson Lane Trailhead	play equip. provided
Sept. 30	Cason Trailhead	playground
Oct. 7	College Street Trailhead	playground
Oct. 14	Cannonsburgh Trailhead	explore the village
Oct. 21	Old Fort Park, Overall Street Trailhead	playground
Oct. 28	Murfrees Spring Wetland (at Discovery Center)	playground or museum
Nov. 4	Barfield Crescent Park, Wilderness Station	meet/greet the critters
Nov. 11	General Bragg Trailhead	playground
Nov. 18	Thompson Lane Trailhead	lunch together, TBA

*Find addresses and map-links for each location at www.murfreesborotn.gov/parks

Have your child's next
birthday party at
the Wilderness Station!

Choose one of our exciting nature themed programs led by a park naturalist. Visit our website for full descriptions, pricing, and scheduling at www.murfreesborotn.gov/parks under Wilderness Station.



Teachers, Homeschoolers & Scouts

Field Trips & Field Studies for your group:

We have added several new programs to share with your group. We can now accommodate large classes or small rotational groups. All programs are correlated with state standards or can be adjusted to satisfy badge requirements. Contact Rachel Singer for a complete list of programs and locations at 217-3017. Also, you may e-mail rsinger@murfreesborotn.gov or check out our website at www.murfreesborotn.gov/parks under Greenway & Wetlands or Wilderness Station.

Homeschool in the Wilderness

Supplement your homeschooler's science curriculum with this in-depth, 8-month program. We will explore a new topic each month through hands-on experiments, live observations, interpretive hikes and group discoveries. Registration begins September 1, 2010. Limited spaces will be available, so register early!

Ages: 8 – 10 years
 Dates: September 30, 2010 – May 2011
 Days: Last Thursday of the month
 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: \$40.00 for 8-month program
 Contact: Registration is required. For questions or to register, call Rachel Singer at 217 – 3017 or rsinger@murfreesborotn.gov.

Wandering Waters

Join us in this series as we look at our waterways that “wander” through Murfreesboro. Get a better understanding of where our water comes from and the importance of a good, clean source. Be prepared to get wet, as we will look at the Stones River, its tributaries, and the wetlands that surround our watershed. We will find new ways to discover the plants, animals, and qualities that make up this vital resource. Space is limited, so register early.

Ages: 10 – 15 years
 Dates: Thursdays, September 2 - 23, 2010
 Time: 1p.m. – 3 p.m.
 Location: Will vary (all within Murfreesboro)
 Fee: \$20 for all 4 classes
 Contact: Rachel Singer at 217 – 3017 or rsinger@murfreesborotn.gov
 Registration is required by August 20, 2010.

Animal Encounters

What is that crawling, slithering, sliding, flying, and hopping across the trail or even in your backyard? Each week we will look at one of our resident education animals for a mini lesson of animals that call Tennessee home. Come out and meet the best teachers we have – the animals!

Ages: All
 Day: Saturdays
 **No Animal Encounters: September 18th and 25th, October 23rd, November 6th **
 Time: 1:30 – 2 p.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 217-3017

Turtle Searches

Calling all researchers – whether you are a junior scientist, senior scientist, animal lover, or interested citizen, join us as we continue our box turtle study right here in Murfreesboro. These lovable reptiles are losing ground and listed as a species of concern in Tennessee due to habitat loss and being taken as household pets. Now is your chance to be a part of a research team to collect data on this important species and make a difference! Participate in one or as many as you wish. Information on the box turtle and instructions will be provided upon arrival.

Note: This is an off-trail experience in the woods; please wear long pants and closed-toed shoes or boots. Bug spray and water are recommended.

This program may also be scheduled for small groups, clubs, or scouts.

Ages: 8 and up
 Dates: Tuesdays, September 28th, October 5th, and 12th
 Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Rachel Singer at 217 – 3017 or rsinger@murfreesborotn.gov

The Friends of the Greenway presents: Greenway Art Festival

A gathering of the finest artisans in Tennessee! Artists will be displaying and selling their works along the trail: oils, acrylics, watercolors, pottery, silversmithing, sculpture, glass, and more. Trailside music, food vendors, and activities for children will make this an artistic outing for the whole family.

Artists: This is a juried festival; please contact us for an application.

Ages: All
Date: Saturday, September 18, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Old Fort Park
Fee: Free to attend. Please remember that most artists can't take credit cards.
Contact: Angela Jackson at 893-2141 or ajackson@murfreesborotn.gov

Fall Harvest Hayride

HAYRIDES - LIVE MUSIC - CAMPFIRE - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - HOT-DOGS, MARSHMALLOWS, AND MORE!

Join the Friends of the Greenway and Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department for this 13th annual event. Old-fashioned entertainment that is fun for the whole family.

Ages: All
Date: Friday, October 8
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: General Bragg Trailhead of the Murfreesboro Greenway System, 1540 West College Street
Fee: \$2 per person; ages 2 and under are free. This includes a hayride and marshmallows. Food sold separately.
Contact: Angela Jackson at 893-2141 or ajackson@murfreesborotn.gov



Kid's Concert!

The Zinghoppers! We make positive pop music for preschoolers and their families. We have been called "Barney meets the Black Eyed Peas." Our leader is Conductor Jack (vocals/turntables). He drives his friends Penelope The Possum (vocals/bass), Olo The Donkey (vocals/guitar) and Coconut The Kangaroo (vocals/drums) to our concerts in the Happy Train. From the classroom to the Kennedy Center, we perform over 500 events annually. Parent Magazine named us, "Nashville's #1 Kids Entertainers." We have released several award-winning CDs. Our debut DVD is coming this summer, and we have begun production on our first TV series for preschoolers. So get ready to hop-hop-hop with The Zinghoppers!

Ages: Kids and their families
Date: Sunday, October 10
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: Cason Trailhead of the Murfreesboro Greenway System, 1100 Cason Trail
Fee: Free!
Contact: Angela Jackson at 893-2141 or ajackson@murfreesborotn.gov

FREE Backpacks for Education!

The Greenway and Wilderness Station are now offering free educational backpacks for morning and afternoon checkout. These backpacks are a great way to introduce your children or students to nature. Whether you're a teacher or interested parent, our educational backpacks offer fun and learning to children of all ages. Each backpack has a theme and includes specific learning material and programs surrounding the theme. The themes are: Birds, Trees, Insects, and Wildflowers. So pick your favorite subject and get outside to explore and learn about Tennessee's beautiful wilderness.

Backpacks may be checked out at the Wilderness Station at Barfield Crescent Park.

Family Campout

It's still backpacking but made as family-friendly as possible. Begin with an easy 1-mile hike in to the campground. Once there, park staff will be on hand to help you set up and settle in. Various activities will be planned throughout the night for you to choose to participate in or just relax in front of the campfire. Dinner and breakfast will be provided and are included in your registration fee. Guided Night Hikes, Owl Prowls, Children's Activities and Games, Campfire Fun, and Music will make this camping experience a night to remember.

Tents (2-person & 4-person), ground cloths, sleeping pads, and backpacks (available in both youth and adult sizes) are available by request when registering to camp. Don't forget to schedule your Wilderness Awareness Workshop when you register – this workshop is required before you camp.

Menu –

Dinner: Hotdogs or Campfire Pita Pizza, chips, baked beans, drink

Dessert: S'Mores

Breakfast: Muffins, coffee, and orange juice

Ages: All

Dates: September 10th and November 13th

Check-in: Between 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Wilderness Station

Location: Barfield Crescent Backcountry Campground

Fee: \$10.00 / Adult -- \$5.00 Children 5-12 – Children 4 and under are free with paying adult.

***Fee due upon completion of Wilderness Awareness Workshop ***

Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017. Reservation required.



Campfire Circle

Campfires are filled with magic and make great memories for families, couples, and individuals. Join us on a fun and memorable adventure and leave your worries at home. First, meander along a paved trail at twilight for a guided nature hike. Fall is a busy time for the animals as they have to make preparations for the long winter ahead. Learn how they are getting ready and what adaptations they have to help them survive. Arrive at the glowing fire for a tasty treat, and then settle in for songs, skits, and friendships that ignite. It's fun for the whole family.

Ages: All

Dates: Fridays, September 3rd, October 1st, 15th

Time: 6:30 p.m. September – October

Date: Saturday, November 20th

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Wilderness Station

Fee: \$3.00

Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017. Reservation required.





Things That Go Bump in the Night Hike

Strange things come out at night. Join us on an eerie walk through the trails of Barfield Park. Along the way meet some creatures that will expose the myths about the sometimes creepy, usually misunderstood, nighttime animals that like to come out when the sun goes down.

Ages: 6 and up
 Dates: Saturday, October 16th, and Friday, October 29th
 Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (Groups will leave approximately every 10 minutes.)
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: \$3.00
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 - 3017. Reservation required.

Adult Bird Hike and Coffee Talk

Search for fall migrants and resident birds of Barfield Crescent Park with a park naturalist and then stay for a cup of migratory bird – friendly coffee and visit with friends new and old. Please bring your own binoculars if you have them. We have a few to lend out on a first-come, first-served basis. All levels of experience are welcome and appreciated. Reservations are required.

Ages: Adult
 Dates: Tuesday, September 14th
 Time: 7:30 a.m.
 Dates: Saturday, October 9th, and Tuesday, October 12th
 Time: 8:30 a.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 - 3017.

Bird Club

The great city of Murfreesboro now has its very own bird club! This group meets monthly at different locations all around the city. We welcome all levels of experience and encourage anyone who is interested in birds and bird behavior to join us! Please call the Wilderness Station for monthly dates and times. We look forward to seeing you!

Senior Fall Hike Series

Fall is in full swing, so, seniors come out and enjoy the beautiful colors, crisp air, and the beauty of nature as we hike along our paved trail for an easy stroll. A naturalist-led hike will let you experience the flavor of fall here at Barfield Crescent Park.

October 26th	Birds
November 2nd	Trees
November 9th	Fall Wildflowers
Ages:	Adult
Dates:	Tuesdays, October 26th, November 2nd, and 9th
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Location:	Wilderness Station
Fee:	Free
Contact:	Wilderness Station, 217 - 3017.

Dragonflies, Damsels, and Butterflies

Flying artwork! Have you noticed? Colors, patterns, speed and grace! Discover what these species have in common. Mother Nature willing, we'll have some live examples for you to view up close! Then, after playing some fun match games, we'll explore the garden and pond to see who's visiting there! Perhaps we'll see a Tiger Swallowtail or a Blue Dasher!

Ages:	All
Dates:	Thursday, September 9 Saturday, September 11
Day:	Thursday & Saturday
Time:	6 p.m. on September 9 2 p.m. on September 11
Fee:	Free
Location:	Wilderness Station Garden
Contact:	Deborah Paschall, 893-2141, or dpaschall@murfreesborotn.gov



Let's go Froggin'

It's a frog hunt! Discover the fun of finding frogs at night! First, we'll identify the frogs by their calls – then we'll try to find them! It's fun to wade and explore by flashlight! Be ready to slip and slide (and probably get a little wet and muddy) by remembering to wear older clothes, long pants, rubber boots, and/or your water shoes/old tennis shoes. No flip flop sandals please. Come on out, Mom and Dad! Be a kid again! Come out and play!

Ages: All
 Dates: September 10 & October 15
 Day: Fridays
 Time: 7:30 p.m.
 Location: September 10 – Oakland Spring (meet at the New Playground)
 October 15 – Cason Lane Trailhead Playground
 Contact: Deborah Paschall, 893-2141, or dpaschall@murfreesborotn.gov



Trees, Leaves, and Oxygen, Please!

Grab a leaf chart (provided) and find a match! Have fun learning to identify the trees of our region by their leaves. Discover how the tree lives, breathes, and feeds those leaves in a brief reenactment by a cast of characters. Keep your chart (and leaves) for school projects. Tree-mendous family fun!

Ages: All
 Dates: Friday, September 17 – 6 p.m.
 Saturday, October 16 – 10 a.m.
 Day: Friday and Saturday
 Time: 6 p.m. on September 17
 10 a.m. on October 16
 Fee: Free
 Location: September 17 – Wilderness Station Garden Area
 October 16, Cason Lane Trailhead Playground
 Contact: Deborah Paschall, 893-2141, or dpaschall@murfreesborotn.gov



The F.U.N. Project (Families Understanding Nature)

Working to reduce "Childhood Nature Deficit" and "Childhood Obesity," the F.U.N. Project is a cooperative learning partnership that encourages students and their parents to "get outdoors and play!" The Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Dept. will be working with the Murfreesboro City Schools staff by supplementing their curriculum with monthly "topic-related" in-school programs.

The F.U.N. Project's pilot schools will include Hobgood, Bradley and Barfield Elementary. Other schools wishing to participate in the F.U.N. Project may do so by contacting Deborah Paschall at 893-2141 or by emailing to "request more information." A complete schedule of speakers and topics will be available upon request by contacting dpaschall@murfreesborotn.gov. A fee of \$1.00 per student will be charged in most, but not all situations.



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